

NuMI/MINOS Progress and Status

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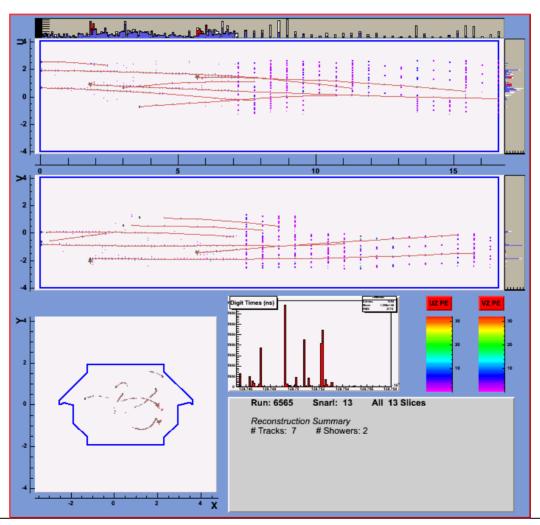
Status



- Construction project complete
 - Required for CD4 was observation of beam induced events in near detector
 - Achieved in February 2005
- Real data taking has begun
 - ~10,000 events in near detector
 - A few events in far detector
- Rates and intensities ramping up

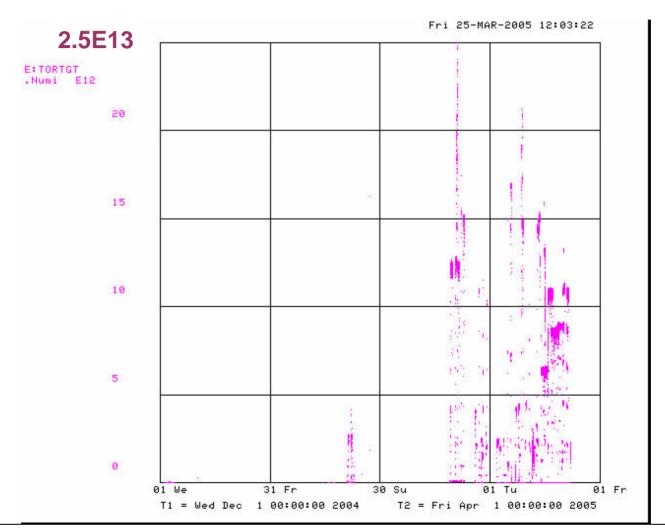
One Spill of Near Detector Data





Four Months of NuMI Intensity





Pulse Rate



- Started with ~25 pulses in a day
 - Took one only when really ready to use it
- Typical was one per minute at the start
- Recently is one per pbar stacking cycle
 - One per 2 seconds to 5 seconds
- Goal is one per 2 sec
 - Antiproton will have to speed up

Losses



Detectors

- 55 Tevatron style sealed units
- 4 continuous "total loss monitors"
- 1 ESH Department "scarecrow"
- Profile monitors present very little material, but still generate measurable losses
- Small amount of slip-stacking leftover beam comes down our line
- Original harsh groundwater limits somewhat relaxed
 - Water flows into tunnel before it can become activated

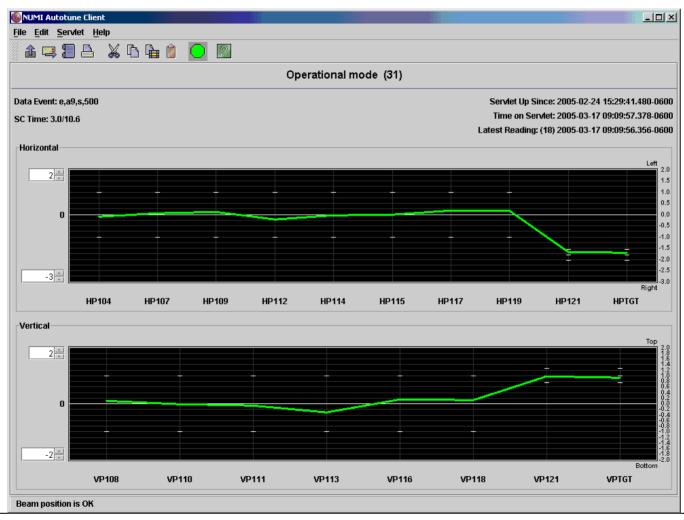
Beam Permit System



- Different rates of fault checking
 - DC, such as loss monitor HV
 - Just before pulse, power supply currents
 - Just after pulse, to veto the next one, losses
- Provides an automated check list for startup
- Has correctly tripped on losses ~20 times
 - No known failures
- Were occasional false positives on power supplies
 - Fixed

Autotune





Summary



Construction project complete

- Beamline and detector commissioning have gone well
- Very little remains before can be declared an operational experiment